

## Section 7 Postal Service

### 1. Postal service

There are 24,539 post offices as of the end of fiscal 2008. The breakdown of this figure shows that there are 20,237 directly managed post offices and 3,939 post office agencies, and that 24,176 of all post offices are in operation and 363 are out of operation (figure 4-12).

Net income of fiscal 2008 was 29.8 billion yen.

### 2. Correspondence delivery business

Following the establishment of the Law

Concerning Correspondence Delivery by Private-Sector Operators in April 2003, although no entries have been made to the general correspondence delivery business, the number of new entrants to the special correspondence delivery business has seen steady growth, with a total of 283 new entrants as of the end of FY2008 (figure 4-13).

Sales of special correspondence delivery operators in fiscal 2007 came to 2.9 billion yen, registering an increase of 32% over the previous year.

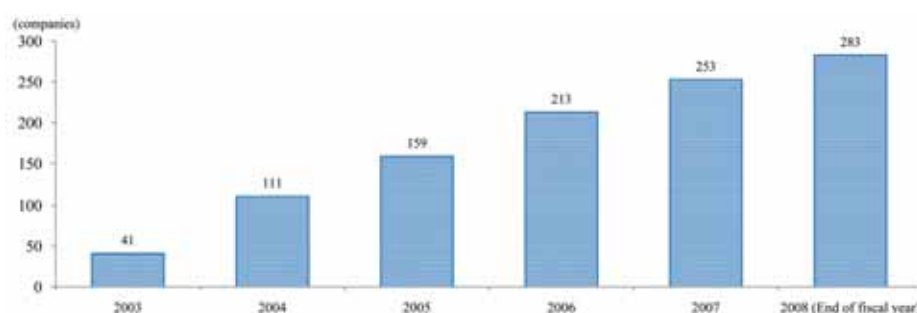
**Figure 4-12 Breakdown of the number of post offices (end of FY2007)**

(Unit: office)

Post office in operation				Post office out of operation				Total
Directly-managed post office		Post office agency	Subtotal Total	Directly-managed post office		Post office agency	Subtotal Total	
Post office	Branch			Post office	Branch			
20,201	36	3,939	24,176	9	0	354	363	24,539

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**Figure 4-13 Changes in the number of special correspondence delivery operators**



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